are awaiting the consideration/decision of the FIPB.

Name of the Project	Location
1. 500 MW from M/s. Balargarh Power Co. Ltd. at a project cost of Rs. 2059 crores.	Balargarh, West Bengal
2. 170 MW Naphtha based Power Project from M/s. Smith Cogeneration (I) Pvt. Ltd. at a Project cost of Rs. 684 crores.	Bengare, Mangalore, Karnataka

(c) FIPB has so far approved around eighty two proposals relating to power projects.

(d) there is a continued effort to clear all such proposals as per the guidelines.

Setting up of Scope

539. SHRI K.M. SAIFULIAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when was SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises) was set up and with what objectives;

(b) what was the estimated cost of the project and by what time it was targeted to be completed; and

(c) the present status of the project and the expenditure incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) was set up in 1970 as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 with the following objectives.

"SCOPE look upon its tasks as both internal and external to the public sector. Internally, it would endeavour to assist the public sector in such ways as would help to improve its total performance. Externally, it would help to improve its total boundary role in conveying such information and advice to the community and the Government as would generally help the public sector in its role."

(b) and (c) SCOPE is not a project but an institution. The question of a project cost and expenditure therefore, does not arise.

Technological upgradation of MUL

540. SHRI JALAUDIN ANSARI: SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Suzuki Motor Co. (SMC) has frozen all work on technological upgradation of the existing Maruti Udyog Ltd. models; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) is a non-Government Company. However, as per MUL, there is no communication from Suzuki Motor Corporation in this regard.

Strength of Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. and IBP Co. Ltd.

541. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. has twenty five officers against 1300 workmen before reference to B.I.F.R. and present strength of officers is 165 as against 650 workmen;

(b) whether officers of Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. are getting equal salary at par with the officers of I.B.P. Company Ltd. and Workmen of Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. are getting less salary in comparison to workmen of I.B.P. Company Ltd.;

(c) if so, the reasons for discriminatory treatment; and

(d) whether Government will advise/direct for payment of same wages to workers to Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. at par with I.B.P. workers and also

Government will reduce the top heavy managerial strength?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Industrial policy for backward tribal regions

542. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering formulation of separate Industrial Policy for backward tribal areas of the country in general and those of North-east region, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in particular;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Government is actively considering formulation of a separate Industrial Policy for North East region and will be announced soon.

Reports of Disinvestment Commission

543. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that so far Government have received four reports from the Disinvestment Commission;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations of these reports;

(c) Government's reaction to each of the recommendations of the four reports;

(d) what will be its effect on Indian economy; and

(e) which public sector units have turned the corner after disinvestment from loss to profit or from low profits to higher profits and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) The salient features of the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission in its 5 reports since submitted to the Government, are given in the Statement (*See* below). The recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission, as contained in its reports, are considered by the Government, in the context of terms of reference, and keeping in view the interests of the public enterprises and the economy as a whole. The profitability of an enterprise depends upon a number of factors and is not necessarily influenced by disinvestment alone.

Statement

Salient Features of Recommendations of Disinvestment Commission

(A) S.No.	Name of PSE	PSU specific recommendations of Disinvestment Commission
1.	Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd.	Strategic sale of 40% equity.
2.	Bongaigaon Refineries	Strategic sale of 50% shares.
3.	Container Corporation of India	Disinvestment upto 49%
4.	Gas Authority of India Ltd.	Disinvestment of 25% of total equity.
5.	HTL Ltd.	Strategic sale.